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SUBJ: FY75 MAP ORDERS FOR TRAINING

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1. AS CONFIRMED BY REF A, SPAIN HAS BEEN ALLOCATED 1.6 MILLION DOLLARS FOR FY75. OF THIS AMOUNT, \$498,280 HAS BEEN USED. A REQUEST, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON 9 APRIL, FOR PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORIZATION TO EXCEED THE \$500,000 LIMIT FOR A DEVELOPED COUNTRY IS UNDERSTOOD STILL TO BE UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

2. THE ENTIRE FY75 MAP ALLOCATION FOR SPAIN IS FOR TRAINING FOR THE SPANISH ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE. IT IS THE FINAL INCREMENT OF THE TRAINING PORTION OF THE 1970 AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. AS SUCH, IT REPRESENTS A FIRM COMMITMENT TO SPAIN BY THE U.S. AND CANNOT BE VIEWED SIMPLY AS A PART OF THE ANNUAL GLOBAL MAP ALLOCATION. I MUST POINT OUT THAT TO RENEGE ON THIS FIRM COMMITMENT COULD HAVE SERIOUSLY ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH SPAIN.

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3. MOST URGENT AMONG THE TRAINING COURSES FOR WHICH MAP ORDERS MUST BE WRITTEN IMMEDIATELY IS THE ANNUAL SERVICE PRACTICE (ASP) AT FORT BLISS, TEXAS FOR THE SPANISH ARMY MISSILE UNIT OF 207 PERSONNEL. THE FIRST INCREMENT OF 94 PERSONNEL IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART ON 9 MAY. THE SPANISH HAVE MADE EXTENSIVE PREPARATION FOR THIS ESSENTIAL TRAINING (THEIR MISSILES HAVE ALREADY BEEN SHIPPED) AND ARE THEMSELVES MAKING A SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THIS ANNUAL REQUIREMENT.

4. AS A RELATED MATTER, DURING THE ASP A HIGH-LEVEL SPANISH ARMY TEAM IS PLANNING TO OBSERVE THE PERFORMANCE OF SEVERAL U.S. MISSILE SYSTEMS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

5. I AM SERIOUSLY CONCERNED BY THE DELAY IN ACTION ON THE REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF FAVORABLE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN IN TIME FOR SPANISH ARMY TO FINALIZE ITS PLANS FOR DEPARTURE. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, I SHALL NEED AN ANSWER BY TUESDAY, MAY 6.
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